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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ex rel. BRADLEY D. KEEVER,

Relator-Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 MISSION SUPPORT ALLIANCE, LLC;

12 HANFORD MISSION INTEGRATION

13 SERVICES, LLC; LEIDOS, INC;

14 LEIDOS INTEGRATED

15 TECHNOLOGY, LLC; CENTERRA

16 GROUP, LLC; PARSONS

17 GOVERNMENT SERVICES, INC;

18 LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION;

19 LOCKHEED MARTIN SERVICES, INC;

20 WACKENHUT SERVICES, INC; and

21 JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC,

TIME TO CONSIDER ELECTION # 1

Defendants.

No. 4:21-CV-05156-SAB

EX PARTE

ORDER GRANTING EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR **EXTENSION OF TIME TO** CONSIDER ELECTION

Before the Court is the United States' Ex Parte Application for an Extension 24 of Time to Consider Election to Intervene, ECF No. 8. This is a False Claims Act 25 qui tam action; Defendants have not been served and the Complaint is currently 26 sealed through February 15, 2023. The United States requests an additional six 27 months for it to continue investigating the claims made in this case before 28 notifying the Court of its decision regarding intervention. The United States has ORDER GRANTING EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF

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been diligently investigating the relator's claims, but additional time is needed to complete the investigation and ealuation. The United States also requests that the relator's Complaint, ECF No. 1, and all other related filings remain under seal for an additional six months as well. The relator has informed the United States that he concurs in the request.

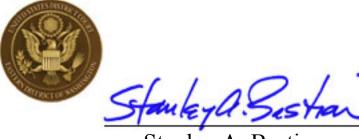
Having reviewed the United States' motion and memorandum in support, the Court finds good cause to extend the time that the Complaint and related briefing is kept under seal and for time to consider election to intervene.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The United States' *Ex Parte* Application for an Extension of Time to Consider Election to Intervene, ECF No. 8, is **GRANTED**.
- 2. The above-captioned matter shall remain **SEALED**, except as previously ordered by the Court, through **August 15, 2023**.
 - 3. The United States shall notify the Court of its decision regarding intervention in the above-captioned matter no later than **August 15, 2023**.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The District Court Clerk is hereby directed to file this Order ex parte and provide copies to counsel for the United States.

DATED this 27th day of February 2023.



Stanley A. Bastian Chief United States District Judge